



Collaborative production optimization of a steel plant

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About me

- Education
2010-2013: MSc Eng **Control Systems Engineering** Supélec (Graduate Engineering School)
- 2013: MSc. **Control and signal processing** University Paris-South 11
- Experience
@CEA. Programming by demonstration of an industrial robotic arm
- @CODRA. GUI industrial software development

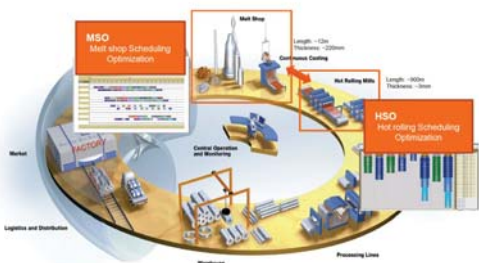
Me in the ITN

- Employee of Corporate Research Germany as **ESR-L**
- Secondment at AST in Italy
- Cooperation with Drago [**ESR-L**] mainly, Hubert and Matteo B. [**ESR-K&I**]

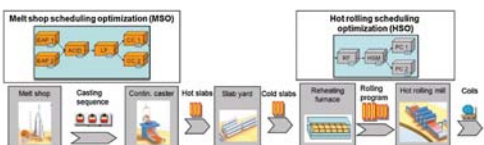


Context of the project

- Stainless steel industry

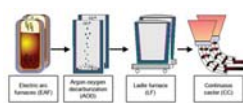


- Scope of the optimization:



Two independent schedulers

- Meltshop Scheduling optimization
 - Short term (2-3 days)
 - Optimal grouping and sequencing of heats
 - Ensure continuous casting
- Hot rolling Scheduling Optimization



- Hot rolling Scheduling Optimization
 - Short and midterm (1 month)
 - Optimal grouping and sequencing of slabs

Previous work

- Potential for energy savings:
Long storage time in slab yard = heat loss
- Solution developed (Xu 2012): **CPO**
Coordination between MSO and HSO
- The **intersection coordination heuristic** organizes the dialog between the two schedulers runned in parallel

My tasks and objectives

- Push further the Collaborative Production Optimization:
 - Improve the existing heuristic
 - Implement the solution
- Pilot testing of the solution in a real production environment:
 - Develop a software demonstrator with an intuitive GUI
 - Prove that energy savings can be realized
- Link between ABB research and the industrial partner:
 - Understand the customer's current operating practice and requirements
 - Customize the software

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